

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A Method for providing voice channel-related functions in a telecommunications network ~~characterized in that~~, comprising:

centrally providing a dialog device to accommodate a plurality of first voice channel-related functions which are seldom used are provided centrally by a dialog device (3), and in that within the telecommunications network; and

non-centrally providing a plurality of announcement devices to accommodate a plurality of second voice channel-related functions within the telecommunications network, the second voice channel-related function being which are used more frequently than the first voice channel-related functions are provided non-centrally by a multiplicity of announcement devices (4a, 4b, 4e).

2. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first and second voice channel-related functions are controlled centrally.

3. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the first voice channel-related functions comprise complex dialog functions, simple dialog functions, tones, and/or announcements and ~~in that~~ the second voice channel-related functions only ~~comprise~~ include tones, announcements, and/or simple dialog functions.

4. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 1, ~~2 or 3 characterized in that~~ wherein the first voice channel-related functions are transmitted over a first data transmission network (5) and ~~in that~~ the second voice channel-related functions are transmitted over the first data transmission network and/or a second data transmission network (5,6).

5. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a packet-switched data transmission network (5) is employed as the first data

transmission network and ~~in that~~ a circuit-switched data transmission network is employed as the second data transmission network (6).

6. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 4 ~~or 5, characterized in that~~ wherein the second data transmission network (6) is ~~the~~ a public telephone network and ~~in that~~ the first data transmission network (5) is an IP-based data transmission network.

7. (currently amended) A Method according to ~~one of the Claims 4 to 6, characterized i~~ n that wherein the second voice channel-related functions are provided ~~in each case by means~~ of an announcement device (4a, 4b) located in each case in a network interworking node (2a, 2b) between the first and second data transmission network ~~(5 and 6)~~.

8. (currently amended) A Telecommunications network for ~~implementing the method according~~ to one of the Claims 1 to 7 with providing voice channel-related functions, comprising:

a dialog device (3) for centrally ~~provisioning~~ providing a plurality of first voice channel-related functions ~~which are seldom used;~~

a ~~multiplicity~~ plurality of announcement devices (4a, 4b) for non-centrally ~~provisioning~~ providing a plurality of second voice channel-related functions within the telecommunications network, the second voice channel-related functions being which are used more frequently than the first voice channel-related functions; and

a central controller ~~(1)~~ for controlling the first voice channel-related functions of the dialog device (3) and the second voice channel-related functions of the announcement devices (4a, 4b).

9. (currently amended) A Telecommunications network according to Claim 8, ~~characteriz~~ ed in that wherein the announcement devices (4a, 4b) provide the voice channel-related functions for both a circuit-switched data transmission network (5) and a packet-switched data transmission network (6).

10. (currently amended) ~~A T~~telecommunications network according to Claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that~~ wherein the announcement devices (4a, 4b) are implemented in a network interworking node (2a, 2b) between the first data transmission network (5) and second data transmission network (6).

11. (currently amended) ~~A T~~telecommunications network according to Claim 8, ~~9 or 10 characterized in that~~ wherein the dialog device (3) is implemented in a switching center for the second data transmission network (6) or is controlled by said switching center as external equipment of the second data transmission network (6).

12. (new) A telecommunications network according to Claim 8, wherein the first voice channel-related functions comprise complex dialog functions, simple dialog functions, tones, and/or announcements and ~~in that~~ the second voice channel-related functions only ~~comprise~~ include tones, announcements, and/or simple dialog functions.

13. (new) A telecommunication according to Claim 8, wherein the first voice channel-related functions are transmitted over a first data transmission network and ~~in that~~ the second voice channel-related functions are transmitted over the first voice channel-related functions and/or a second data transmission network.

14. (new) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the second data transmission network is ~~the~~ a public telephone network and ~~in that~~ the first data transmission network is an IP-based data transmission network.

15. (new) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the second voice channel-related functions are provided ~~in each case by means of~~ an announcement device located ~~in each case~~ in a network interworking node between the first and second data transmission network.

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16. (new) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the second voice channel-related functions are provided in each case by means of an announcement device located in each case in a network interworking node between the first and second data transmission network.